



General Management Plan Newsletter

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HOVENWEEP NATIONAL MONUMENT GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN - A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Dear Friends,

Hovenweep National Monument is beginning the development of a general management plan. Just as its name implies, this plan will provide a general framework to guide long-term park management decision-making, based on a vision of what people wish to see at Hovenweep in the future. We need your help in describing that vision and developing the overall management philosophy through which we will achieve it.

Hovenweep NM faces some challenges that must be addressed, but before we begin to craft solutions for these challenges, it is important to review the park's purpose, its diverse cultural and natural resources and its potential for public appreciation and enjoyment of these distinctive resources. This planning process will describe specific desirable resource conditions and visitor goals for the park's future and design alternate management strategies for achieving these goals. This planning process will be more successful as you share with us your own vision for the park's future.



As part of our consultation process, we will be meeting with federal, state, and local government agencies and officials. Communication and cooperation with other government agencies and local communities will identify common interests and goals. Developing partnerships with other agencies can offer creative and efficient ways to achieve our future goals at Hovenweep. In fact, this type of cooperation is essential to developing a plan that meets the needs of the American public and fulfills the National Park Service mission to protect our most precious cultural and natural resources.

Please join us in this effort to develop a plan that charts a sustainable future for Hovenweep NM. After reading this newsletter, please use the enclosed response card to share your thoughts about the park with us. We will keep you informed throughout the planning process with periodic newsletters. If you have any comments or questions at any time, please feel free to contact us at:

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You may e-mail us at: **HOVE Superintendent@nps.gov** or visit the website at **<http://planning.nps.gov/plans.cfm>**
Please accept our thanks in advance for your input and assistance in this important process. We appreciate your interest in Hovenweep National Monument and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Patricia Trap
Acting Superintendent

What is a general management plan?

A general management plan defines the fundamental management philosophy for a unit of the National Park system. The plan focuses on why the park was established and what resource conditions and visitor opportunities should be achieved and maintained over time. The plan provides park managers with a framework for making decisions about how to best protect park resources, how to provide meaningful opportunities for visitors, how to manage visitor use, and determining the kinds of facilities necessary which the park was established.



Hovenweep - Purpose of the Park

In creating Hovenweep National Monument, President Warren G. Harding proclaimed that

“the public good would be promoted by reserving these pre-historic remains as a National Monument with as much land as may be necessary for the proper protection thereof...”

President Harding directed that the National Park Service

“Shall have the supervision, management, and control of this Monument, as provided in the act of Congress entitled, “An Act to establish a National Park Service...”

The management and staff of Hovenweep are dedicated to fulfilling the National Park Service mission that guides the supervision and management of Hovenweep. The park mission statement provides additional guidance to ensure that these treasured resources will be enjoyed and appreciated for generations to come. We need your help in developing the best strategy to achieve our mission goals.

The NPS Mission

Congress created the National Park Service in 1916 to

“Conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

In fulfilling its mission, the National Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.

Hovenweep Park Mission

The mission of the National Park Service at Hovenweep National Monument is to protect, preserve and interpret the finest example of “Canyon Head Tower Communities” in the entire American Southwest. The monument provides the public with a unique archeological experience for those who choose to venture off the beaten path. The staff endeavors to provide a safe and tranquil learning environment that ensures the monument’s resources are protected for future generations.

Why do we do a general management plan?

- To create a vision and clear direction for the park’s future
- To establish priorities for allocating resources to achieve park goals
- To exchange ideas with the public
- To forge and strengthen partnerships
- To comply with public law and National Park Service policies

A new general management plan will clarify Hovenweep’s role in working with others in the region on resource protection and on providing visitor opportunities. Park stakeholders will participate in developing and articulating a vision of where Hovenweep is going in the future.



Meeting Dates and Times

Please come to one of the public meetings to find out more about this planning project, meet the park staff and planning team, and express your ideas about the park

Nov. 18, 2003

San Juan County courthouse

Commission Chambers

6:00 P.M.- 8:00P.M. Open House and Workshop

117 South Main

Monticello, Utah

Nov. 19, 2003

College of Eastern Utah

Blanding Arts and Conference Center

6:00 P.M.- 8:00 P.M. Open House and Workshop

790 W. 200 South

Blanding, Utah

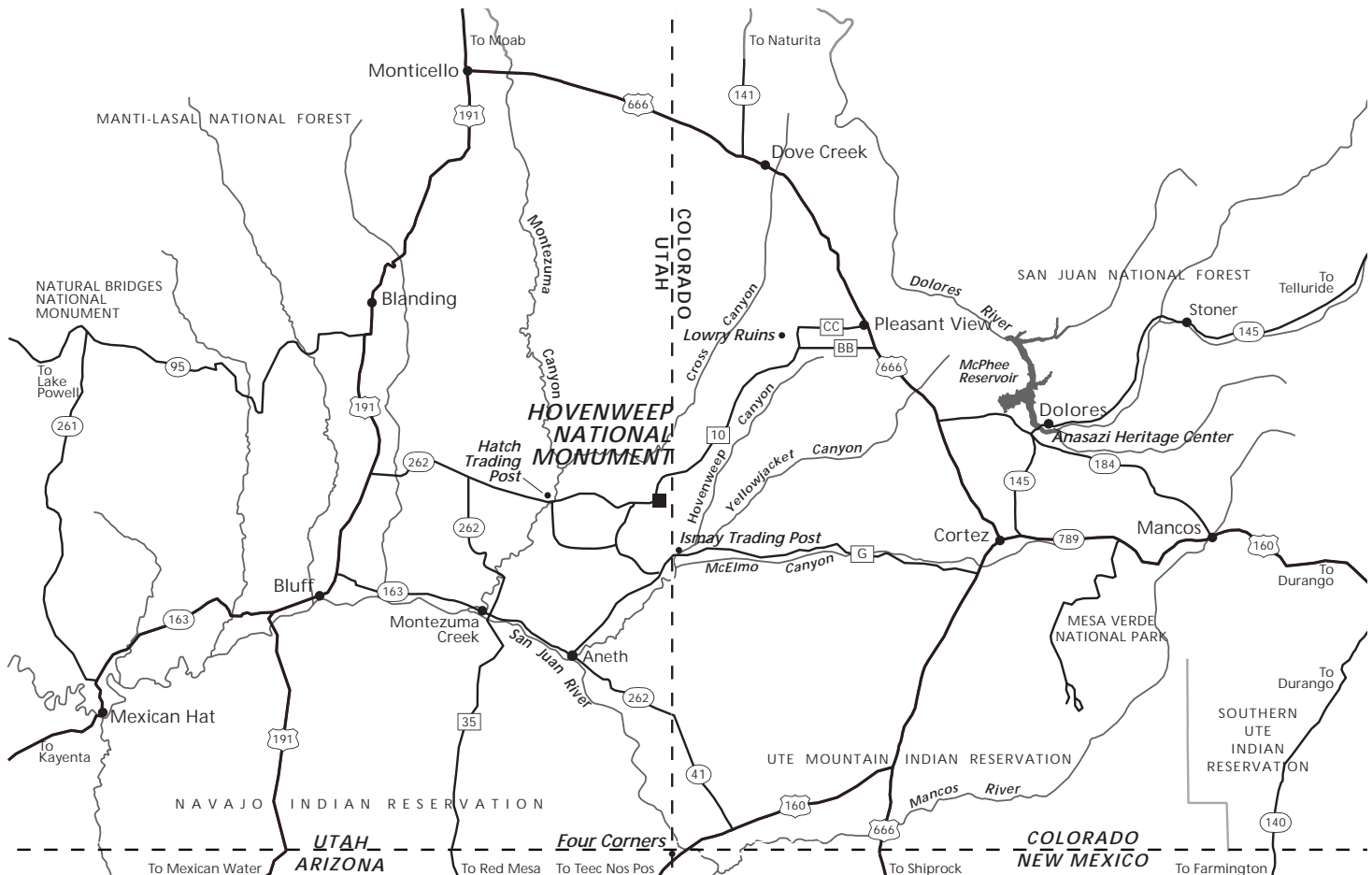
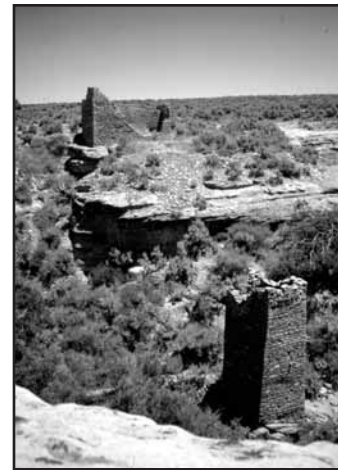
Nov. 20, 2003

Cortez Conference Center

6:00 P.M.- 8:00 P.M. Open House and Workshop

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The general management planning process is just beginning and will take about 2 1/2 to 3 years. Steps in the process are listed below.

General Management Plan (GMP)

- **Gather ideas and concerns**
- **Confirm mission, purpose, and significance**
- **Identify desired future conditions**
- **Develop management alternatives**
- **Draft GMP and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**
- **Final GMP and EIS and Record of Decision (ROD)**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is preparing a management plan for Canyon of the Ancients National Monument. Four separate parcels or about 400 acres of Hovenweep are surrounded by this BLM National Monument. The NPS and BLM will consult during the preparation of the separate management plans for Canyons of the Ancients and Hovenweep. For more information on the BLM planning process please visit their website at: www.blm.gov/rmp/canm

